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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## GOD AND THE WAR

By Dr. Sam Morris

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Throughout the war the daily papers have carried articles telling of tragedies involving every type of major and minor crime committed by servicemen who were under the influence of liquor.

A second lieutenant, while drunk at an officers' club in Riverside, California, on a Sunday night went on a shooting rampage, killed three people and wounded five more. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to die, but hanged himself while awaiting his execution.

Near Cincinnati, Ohio, an automobile accident killed three cadets and a soldier early in the morning. The driver confessed that he had taken at least fifteen drinks of whiskey the night before the calamity.

In Los Angeles, a woman invited two soldiers to her apartment, where they had a drinking party. The next morning her nude and brutally beaten body was discovered by the apartment keeper and the soldiers were tried for murder.

In El Paso, Texas, a young lieu-

tenant and his wife were walking home one night, and a group of juvenile boys who had been drinking in a beer parlor "Ganged" the lieutenant and beat him to death on the street with chains.

In another state a drunken soldier beat, ravished and humiliated a young woman. The offender was given a twenty-year prison sentence.

In still another state, a drunken soldier ravished a twelve-year-old girl and was tried, convicted and hanged for his crime.

In Englewood, Colorado, a drunken Army cook lured a little three-year-old girl away with promises of candy and a toy rabbit, ravished and murdered her and stuffed her mutilated body under a sink.

### Booze Sabotages War Effort

In South Dakota, a fine, non-drinking boy from a Christian family volunteered for military service. After joining the Army he became a victim of the drink habit. One night he visited various taverns with a woman, and about midnight he ravished her, murdered her, and left her mutilated and bruised body near one of the "hot spots." He was tried, convicted, and sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary at Sioux Falls.

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## Things That Cannot Be Broken

By Rev. Joe Henry Hankins, D. D.

Preached at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, Sunday morning, August 23, 1942, and stenographically reported.

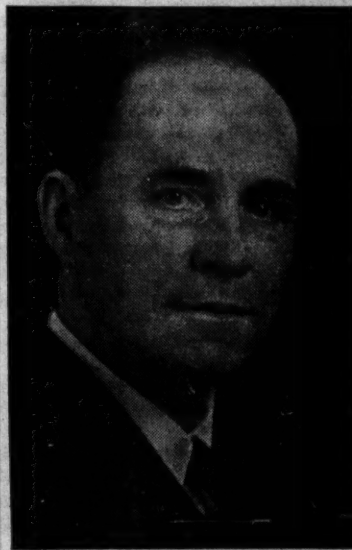
**Text: Heb. 12: 26-27. "But now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."**

We have heard it again and again until perhaps it becomes commonplace and we don't realize the full significance of the truth, but we are living today in the midst of the greatest shaking this old world has ever experienced. Nothing seems secure. Nobody seems to know where to turn or what to do. And certainly nobody knows what the future holds and nobody knows when it is all over what shall be left—whether we will have anything left or not. Frankly, it begins to look to me like when it is over there will be very little left of anything that we have held on to for these years—anything that we might call ours. I believe with all my heart that God is taking the world through that period today that Paul wrote about in this 12th chapter of Hebrews. The most arresting thing to me in this scripture is this statement in the 26th verse, "But now he hath promised." Never before in reading this scripture had that word, "Promised" stood out so strikingly. When God is talking about shaking both the earth and the heavens in such a mighty way that all material things will literally be swept from the face of the earth, and not only the earth but the material universe will be in that great shake-up and only those things shall remain which cannot be shaken, the writer says, "But now he hath promised."

### God Has Promised

God has not only said that there will be a shaking, but God has promised that some things will abide. When it is all over there will be some things left; things that cannot be shaken.

We are living in the midst of a most unusual shaking up of the whole world. The world is reeling on the very verge of utter destruction. The wisest men of the earth have been saying for a number of years that unless a halt can be called somewhere, or unless a revival of religion sweeps the earth and there be a mighty turning to God, we were headed straight for the abyss. I shall never forget a statement made by Dr. L. R. Scarbrough at our Baptist Convention at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, about four years ago. He said, "We are not at the crossroads, but we are at the jumping off place. And I fear" said that prophet of God,



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"that we are facing the death of civilization unless there is a turning back to God." I say the world—the whole world—is reeling and rocking. Nations are being destroyed, thrones are crumbling and empires are being broken up. The

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## "Worship Centers" And "Altar Sets" Are Idols

THE PRESENT FORMAL TENDENCIES IN CHURCH WORSHIP VIOLATE THE SECOND COMMANDMENT, PATTERN AFTER ROMAN CATHOLICISM.

By Evangelist John R. Rice

A Christian woman, daughter of a sound and useful pastor, writes to me in distress. In the church where her father ministered for years, the modern pastor has begun to use an "altar set" consisting of candles and a cross, and with a communion set goes to private homes to administer the Lord's Supper to the sick. This, she feels, is contrary to the Word of God and she feels compelled to withdraw from the church. My opinion is asked and this question needs clear Scriptural discussion.

First of all, there is absolutely no Bible authority for administering the Lord's Supper to individuals alone, whether kept at home by sickness, or isolated for any other reason. First Corinthians 11:33 says, "Wherefore my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another." In this discussion of the Lord's Supper the inspired Apostle Paul teaches that the Lord's Supper should be in a

public gathering, and that one should wait for another. In Acts 20:7 we are told, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them . . ." This was the rule in Bible times, with never a single mentioned exception; the Lord's Supper was observed in public services with groups of Christians together.

The necessity for a public observance is inherent in the very nature of the Lord's Supper. It is a memorial supper. Christians take the Lord's Supper not for their own private good or enjoyment, but as a public testimony to the broken body and shed blood of our Saviour. As it would not fit in with the Bible idea of testimony for an individual to stand up in his own bedroom with nobody else present, and solemnly speak in testimony to nobody in particular, so it does not fit in with the Bible thought of the Lord's

Supper for people to take the communion service in their own homes.

This idea of individual communion administered to sick people originated with Catholics, for the very simple reason that Catholics do not know anything about salvation by individual faith. With them, salvation is by the church, and the church officially administers the mass and officially pronounces sins forgiven. Of course, if the priest can forgive sins in public, he can forgive sins in private, and so there is as much reason for a Catholic priest to administer the communion at home, as to a congregation in the church. But the Bible idea of the Lord's Supper is entirely contradictory to the Roman Catholic idea. Protestants should leave to Roman Catholics who do not believe the Bible plan of salvation and who have perverted the beautiful

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Several years ago I heard a Baptist preacher tell the story of the greatest single tragedy that ever occurred in Texas. It was the explosion that killed four hundred school children and their teachers in the New London school house. The school was dismissing for the day, when like a streak of lightning coming from the ground instead of the skies, the great building was blown to ashes, and lives of teachers, boys and girls were snuffed out in a flash. One family had five children (all they had) in the explosion. Scores of parents lost three or four, their little bodies were so mangled that identification of many was impossible. A gloom of deep, dark, sorrow swept over our state and the nation. The government sent secret service men to investigate the cause. They labored for days. One of the investigators was questioning a lady, the wife of a man who had worked on the construction of the building. She said:

"My husband told me before this tragedy happened that he knew there was faulty construction in the gas line under the building."

"What?" said the inspector. She repeated her statement. Then the inspector asked:

"Did your husband know that the construction of the gas line was faulty?"

"Yes," she answered.

"Did he report it to anyone?"

"No."

"Then your husband is a criminal," he said.

My friend, Christian people know there is a Hell and that lost people are doomed to go there unless some saved person leads them to Christ. Are you concerned for the lost? Are you picturing to them the doom that awaits them? If not, you are just as responsible for their doom as that man who knew of the faulty construction in the gas line, was for the death of those children.

—Dr. C. E. Matthews.

Some years ago a beautiful high school girl, a member of our church, lived just across the railroad, east of the church. One day she was walking down the street and met a little Eskimo, Spitz puppy. It was a stray. She picked it up and carried it to her home to show her Mother.

"Oh, Mamma," she said, "Isn't he beautiful? Mamma, may I keep him?"

The Mother said: "If no want ads appear in the lost and found columns of the paper for him, you may." There were no ads, so she kept him. Like all normal children she loved a pet. She bathed him, fed him and played with him. He became her constant companion.

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## "Worship Centers" And "Altar Sets" Are Idols

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ful ceremony of the Lord's Supper the business of carrying the so-called communion to sick people. Bible Christians should observe the Lord's Supper in the Bible way and with the Bible meaning; a public testimony to faith in the broken body and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The very word "communion" would mean that this rite involves other people and is not a simple individual ceremony. The church and the minister who go wrong in this practice are drifting on the doctrine of salvation, though they may not be conscious of this.

### The Second Commandment Expressly Forbids the Use of Images, Likenesses, and Articles as Centers of Worship

Men, eager to make money out of the religious instincts of the people, offer for sale "altar sets" consisting of a polished wood cross or sometimes one of precious metal, and candlesticks with candles. The idea is that a chaplain in the armed services, or a pastor in the home of a shut-in, can set up an altar to God, with the cross in the center and the candles on each side; and thus the spirit of reverence is supposed to be inculcated and people are supposed to be inspired to worship by these articles.

The idea is copied, of course, from so-called "worship centers" set up in churches. Catholic churches have an expensive altar, so do Episcopal churches and some Lutheran churches. The cross, in one form or another, with candles and lights and altar-cloths, and sometimes incense, are used. In churches once fundamental and evangelical, now turning modern in doctrine and method, this idolatry often starts in the young people's society, where a picture of Christ is set up, flanked by candles, or where a lighted cross is in the center, perhaps with a Bible on the table before it.

What is wrong with these "worship centers"? What is wrong is that such worship is literally idolatry. It is idol worship. As such, it is plainly and explicitly forbidden in the Bible.

The first of the Ten Commandments is "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

The second commandment is "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them . . ."

No graven image, nor "any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water that is under the earth" shall be used in worship. To make such a thing, is wrong, is sin. To "bow down thyself to them" is equally a wicked sin. Any likeness or image or article before which people bow down in worship is an idol.

Immediately people answer back and say, "But we do not worship the altar, nor the cross, nor the picture of Christ, nor the candles—these are only aids to worship God." To be sure, my friend, but

that is all idolatry ever is. Do you suppose that when a Catholic bows down before the image of Christ, or the image of the virgin Mary, and prays, that they confuse that marble statue with Christ or with Mary? Oh, no, the statue or image is only a reminder, they say, an aid to worship. The crucifix worn by a priest or nun or kept by any devout Catholic—do you suppose that they think that God Himself is in that crucifix? No, the crucifix is only a reminder of the crucified Saviour. Yet the use of it is forbidden in the second commandment, like the use of other images used in worship in Catholic churches.

In Ephesus, there was a guild of silversmiths, making images for the worship of Diana of the Ephesians. Do you think these idol-makers believed that each little image they made was a separate and real supernatural being, a goddess? Oh, no, each little image was only patterned after the large image which they said was "the image which fell down from Jupiter" (Acts 19:35). Every idol is only a representation of some spirit being.

When Aaron with the children of Israel built a golden calf out of the earrings and jewelry brought him by the Jews in the wilderness, do you suppose that they thought this bit of inanimate metal was really a supernatural being? No, no! They only thought that this golden calf was in some way the home, or the representative, or a reminder of the bull god worshipped by heathen people in Egypt.

So when church people bow down before a worship center, they do exactly what all heathen idolaters do; they bow down before some article or image which is to remind them of the God they worship. And God clearly says, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them"; not to bow down before any graven image or any likeness of anything in earth or heaven or hell!

The use of so-called "worship centers" in worship is idolatry, an abomination to God. Any church has forsaken the Bible idea of worship which uses a worship center.

### Object Lessons Favored: "Aids to Worship" Forbidden in the Bible

In Numbers 21:5-9 we are told about the serpent of brass which Moses made at God's command and put upon a pole so that all who were bitten by the fiery serpents might look to this serpent of brass and be healed. That serpent of brass was an object lesson, divinely appointed, to picture the coming Saviour who would bear our sins. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:14, 15, that just as that brass serpent was lifted up on a pole, so Christ Himself, the Son of Man, should be lifted up on the cross and that whosoever should believe in Him would have everlasting life, just as the Israelites who looked on the brass snake were healed of their snake bites. The use of object lessons to make clear Scriptural truths, is clearly endorsed in the Bible. The Lord's Supper itself is an object lesson, reminding us of the broken body and the shed blood of the Lord Jesus. Baptism is an object lesson. Old Testament prophets oftentimes use object lessons. Every animal sacrifice was an object lesson.

But if that brass snake came to be regarded with veneration; if people felt that they could pray to God better if they bowed down before a brass snake which pictured the coming Saviour, would that be permissible? Well, that is exactly what happened in the days of King Hezekiah. The brazen serpent had become simply a part of a "worship center," and in God's sight was regarded as an idol. II Kings 18:4, tells us what Hezekiah did about

this "altar set." "He removed the high places and brake the images, and cut down the groves and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto these days the Children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan." The object lesson came to be used as an "altar piece," really an idol, and so now became an abomination to God and Hezekiah destroyed it! So when Catholics lift up the bread and wine and say it has really become the body and blood of Christ and that people should really worship it, they are guilty of idolatry. The Lord's Supper is proper and right as an object lesson. As an "aid to worship," as Catholics use it, it is idolatrous and hurtful.

In the days of Gideon after the wonderful victory over the hosts of Midian, Gideon took the spoil of gold, "And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went a-whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house." An ephod was not intended to be worshipped, any more than the altar on which the sacrifices were burned, or the vessels in which the blood was caught. But it became a snare because people came to use it as a worship center, in plain words, an idol.

Object lessons clearly understood are permissible and helpful. But any objects, images, pictures, candles, altars, used as a center of worship to represent God, and toward which people bow, are an abomination to God. That kind of worship is idolatry; it is bowing down before images or likenesses and is forbidden in the second of the Ten Commandments.

Pictures used in worship are as much idolatry as images or statues. In Numbers 30:51, 52, God commanded, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places."

Beautiful pictures as adornment for the home, or elsewhere, are not forbidden in the Bible. But as aids to worship, as something before which men may pray or worship, they are absolutely forbidden in the Bible.

Once a Daily Vacation Bible School teacher, in a school promoted by fundamental churches, was teaching the little ones how to make a "worship center." No doubt she was only following the literature put out by modernistic denominational publishing houses, or the practice in modernist churches. We trust she did not follow the teachings of the good pastors and church members she represented. When I learned of it I instructed my good wife to keep our children away from such an idolatrous practice. Doubtless others protested also and that plan was dropped. But unthinking people who are setting out to follow the pattern of modernists in this matter should be taught the terrible sin they are committing and the ruin that will follow.

**Other Tendencies Toward Idolatry**  
Many churches these days are greatly concerned to obtain what they call an air of "reverence." They think that people can worship better with stained-glass windows, with pipe organ music, with formality in worship, with robed choirs, with responses patterned after Catholics and Episcopalians. Actually, the effect is not reverence at all in any Bible sense. It is a certain enjoyment of sensual, fleshly pleasure which has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit. It appeals to the aesthetic nature. It may give enjoyment, but it is not really spiritual enjoyment. It is mental enjoyment. It may give a sense of exaltation, like any kind of beau-

tiful music, secular or sacred, like a beautiful painting, an autumn scene, majestic mountains, or the awe-inspiring waves of the sea. Cultured and sensitive unsaved people may enjoy fine music or beautiful colors or scenes of nature just as much as Christians do. And in exactly the same way, the unconverted sinner may enjoy a formal church "worship" service. In exactly the same way that Christians do, multitudes of Catholics and Episcopalians who are unconverted, enjoy such a formal church service. Blasphemers, drunkards, infidels, agnostics alike, may enjoy the sensual appeal to the aesthetic mind. But that is not true reverence for God, and it has nothing to do with worship. Actually, it is a carnal human substitute for Christian worship. It often becomes a form of idolatry. Formalism in the church is abominable. It precludes revival, it offends the Holy Spirit, it shuts out hungry-hearted people. Formalism itself is a tendency toward idolatry. It is the mark of all human religions, as differentiated from the Bible kind of spiritual worship of a true God and faith

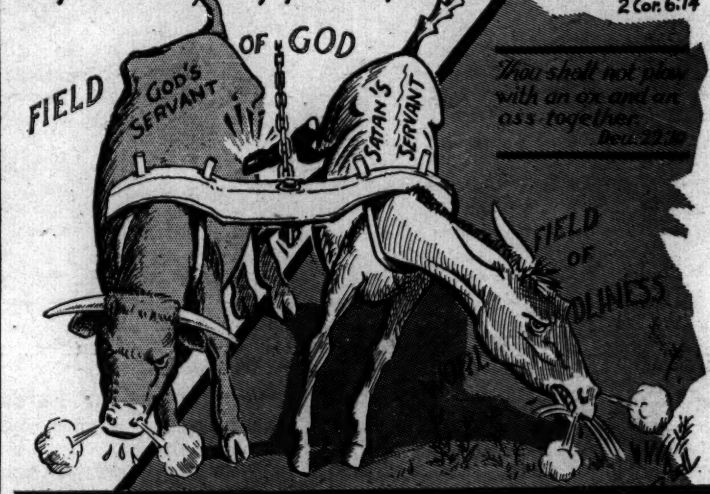
in His Son, Jesus.

New Testament, Bible kind of churches should have their services center around the Bible, testimony and soul-winning, not about any forms of service. God must be offended and jealous when any church house or church auditorium is called "the sanctuary." God has no sanctuaries on earth except the bodies of saved people. The Holy Spirit does not dwell in houses made with hands. When any place or house or form of worship or altar or worship center becomes essential to the worship, then it is an abomination to God.

Many people love to hear the pipe organ during prayer. Actually, that is purely fleshly, carnal, unspiritual. The more the people listen to the music, the less they partake of the prayer. The more the carnal mind is pleased by such popery and Catholic trappings, the less they really approach Christ in prayer. For one to be conscious of the music at all would be divided attention. Real, born-again Christians should leave off such abominations and worship God in spirit, not in these "aids" of idolatry.

## The UNEQUAL YOKE

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" 2 Cor. 6:14



### Part III. To Yoke Up In Churches And Denominations With Unbelievers Is A Sin

By Evangelist John R. Rice

The Bible has much to say about God's people living a life of separation from sinners, but the greatest emphasis is always placed on the teaching that Christians should not mix with unbelievers in the matter of religion. If it is wrong for a Christian to yoke up with unbelievers in marriage and for God's people to join with unbelievers in oath-bound lodges, it is even more important that Christians should have no "yoke," no "fellowship," no "agreement," no "part," no "concord" with unbelievers in churches and religious programs.

Years ago it was taken for granted that every man in the church believed the Bible. It is not so now. Unsuspecting Christians sometimes think that all preachers and Christian leaders certainly believe the Bible. The shocking fact is that many preachers are practically infidels.

#### Infidelity Among Preachers

A few years ago the following account of a questionnaire sent out to preachers, concerning the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, was published in the public press.

#### "Existence Of Real Hell And Devil Denied By Pastors In Questionnaire"

"Chicago, Feb. 8—Existence of hell as a real place was denied today by 69 of each 100 Protestant ministers in answer to a Northwestern university school of education questionnaire that disclosed many modifications in religious belief.

"That 'there is no devil' was the assertion of 54 per cent of the clergymen. A majority of the

pastors were opposed to having children taught that so-called God-sent punishment such as earthquakes, fires and floods were punishment for sin.

"Eighty per cent voted against teaching that 'hell is a place of burning.'

"Of the 500 ministers who answered the questionnaire only 48 per cent said they would teach junior high school pupils that judgment day is really coming. Thirty-nine per cent said it would not come to pass.

"The existence of heaven was doubted by 41 per cent who recommended that it be eliminated from church instructions. Sixty per cent believed in angels.

"All were virtually unanimous in their belief that 'God still runs the world.' On the question of a future life 92 per cent recommended teaching that those who die go right on living.

"Nineteen per cent held that God keeps a record of the individual's bad deeds in a book, while 74 per cent disagreed. Seventy-two per cent supported the deity of Jesus Christ while 26 per cent were in opposition."

Sixty-nine out of every hundred of these preachers believed that

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there is no real Hell! More than half of them said, "There is no devil"! More than half did not believe in teaching that judgment day is really coming, and nearly half doubted the existence of Heaven! Eighty per cent did not believe Hell was a real place of burning. Of these 500 Protestant preachers, only one out of five believed what the Bible says about Hell, and others doubted the inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, even the fact of immortality of the soul! It is a startling fact that many preachers, many professors in so-called Christian colleges and denominational leaders, are unbelievers. They do not believe the Bible, they do not believe Christ, many of them have not trusted Him as Saviour. What does the Bible say about yoking up with these unbelievers?

#### False Teachers and False Prophets Were Foretold

It is not surprising to one who knows the Bible, that some preachers should prove false to their sacred trust and preach their unbelief. The Bible has plainly forewarned us of the coming of such preachers. Paul, leaving the great church at Ephesus with tears, warned the elders or preachers of that church as follows:

*"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock: Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."—Acts 20:28-31.*

Paul knew that men would turn away from the faith.

In I Timothy 4:1 the same warning is given again.

*"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."*

"In the latter times" this departing from the faith will be worse than before, we are told!

Again in Paul's second letter to Timothy, II Timothy 3:13, Paul warns the young preachers: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." In the next chapter this warning continues, that the time should come when people will "turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

#### "There Shall Be False Teachers Among You, Who Privily Shall Bring In Damnable Heresies"

Poor, blind weaklings that we Christians are, the Lord saw that we needed to be warned again and again concerning false teachers! In II Peter 2:1-3, is the following passage:

*"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."*

The Scripture does not use soft words in talking about false teachers. It says that they "shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them," and we are told that this false teaching will be brought in "privily" and "with feigned words." What an accurate picture that is of modernists! They pretend to believe in the Bible, the miracles, salvation, Heaven, etc. But when they say the Bible is inspired, they mean just like other good books are inspired. They say that Jesus is the Son of God, but they say that so are we

all sons of God! They may say they believe in miracles, but in the next breath they say that the radio and printing press are miracles. Actually their words are "feigned words," for secretly, that is privily, they are bringing in damnable doctrines that deny the Lord that bought them, deny the Bible, God's Word. When you read the news clipping above concerning the 500 preachers, most of whom do not believe the Bible, and read this passage of Scripture, you will see that the Lord knew what He was talking about! What the Lord foretold in His Word has now come to pass.

Sad truth is told, in verse 2 above, that "many shall follow their pernicious ways"! In these wicked modern days, many people follow unbelievers and modernists. Verse 3 tells us that such modernists and unbelievers still claim to be preachers, still claim to be Christians, though they do not believe the very fundamentals of the Christian faith and sometimes deny the Lord Himself and would take away from His head the crown of deity. But they hold on to the form of Christianity, while they preach their wicked unbelief "through covetousness." They want to deceive common Christian people so they can receive their nice salaries! How true the Bible proves itself to be! Before our eyes today we find these words fulfilled.

#### What Should Christians Do?

What should Christians do when they find such false teachers and Christian people untrue to the Bible, unbelievers in the Bible, the blood atonement, the deity of Christ, the miracles, and a literal Hell? That question is plainly answered in the Scriptures. Christians should not be yoked together with unbelievers. Particularly they should not be yoked with unbelievers in the churches and religious work. To be in a church with unbelievers, skeptics and doubters, is to disobey the plain command of Christ. To support such a preacher or teacher is a sin against God for which one will certainly have to give an account to God when he stands at the judgment seat of Christ.

#### "Earnestly Contend For The Faith"

Every Christian who wants to please Christ should be a campaigner, a sincere crusader for the true gospel. Jude, verses 3 and 4, gives us the instruction that we should "earnestly contend for the faith" and warns us again of evil men who will creep in unawares, denying the only Lord God. Read these verses.

*"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."*

There will be some Christians who will contend for "peace." But this Scripture does not tell us to have peace with modernists, rationalists, unbelievers, false teachers that deny the Lord Jesus Christ. Some people do not like "contentions" they say. But whether we like it or not, to contend for the faith is the plain duty commanded for every Christian. Any kind of Christianity that wants peace with unbelievers and agreement with doubters and fellowship with modernists, goes against the plain command of II Corinthians 6:14-16. Read again what God says about having "peace" or "fellowship" or "communion" or "concord" or "part" or "agreement" with such unbelievers.

*"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And*

*what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?"*

According to this Scripture it is sin to seek peace with such company. They are enemies of Christ and the Bible. Honest Christians may differ as to some details of Bible interpretation, but honest Christians cannot differ about the deity of Christ nor whether the Bible is all God's Word, infallibly true, nor about the blood atonement nor about the miracles such as the virgin birth and the bodily resurrection of Christ, the creation of the world by the direct act of God, etc., nor about a literal Hell. When a man dissents from what the Bible says on such great fundamentals of the faith, then that man has no right to call himself a Christian, much less a preacher of the gospel or a teacher of the Bible. Such a man is an impostor, a deceiver, a false prophet. An honest infidel one might somewhat respect even though the Bible calls him a fool. But an infidel in the garb of a preacher with language of deceit because of covetousness, is a wolf in sheep's clothing, a base hypocrite. He forfeits the respect of decent people and should have open scorn and public exposure at the hands of true Christians everywhere. The Bible commands us to contend earnestly for the faith.

#### Do Not Receive False Teachers Into Your House Nor Bid Them God Speed

The attitude of an honest Bible-believing Christian toward unbelievers and those who do not abide in the doctrine of Christ is plainly told in the second epistle of John, verses 9 to 11.

*"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."*

You can see from the above Scriptures that the Lord here means not simply an unsaved man but one who brings the wrong doctrine about Christ, one who does not believe what the Bible teaches about Him. Here is the proper attitude for a Christian toward unbelieving preachers, those who do not hold to the great fundamentals of the faith: "RECEIVE HIM NOT INTO YOUR HOUSE, NEITHER BID HIM GOD SPEED!" Do not let a modernist preacher eat at your table. Do not let him sleep on your bed. Do not pay his railroad fare. Do not wish him prosperity. Do not do anything to endorse or support a modernist. If you do the Bible says that you are a partaker of his evil deeds and will certainly suffer part of his punishment. This is another way of saying, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Any yoke that binds a believer in the Bible with one who does not believe the Bible is an unequal yoke, and it is wicked for a Christian to be bound by such ties.

#### If Your Pastor Is A Modernist, What Then?

Suppose you are a member of a church whose pastor is a modernist. I do not mean the pastor who may be wrong on some interpretation of Scripture. That is not modernism. I do not mean a pastor who is worldly. Worldliness is wrong, but that is not modernism. A modernist does not believe that the Bible is what it claims to be, the very Word of God. A modernist does not believe in the virgin birth of Christ, does not believe in His bodily resurrection. A modernist does not believe in the substitutionary death of Christ; that Christ actually died in the sinner's stead and paid for our sins on the cross. The modernist does not believe in a personal regeneration, salvation through faith in the shed blood of Christ. The modernist does not believe in a literal Hell for Christ-rejecting sinners. Now supposing that your pastor is a modernist, an unbeliever

in the Bible sense, and therefore is Satan's man instead of God's man, and brings Satan's doctrine instead of Christ's doctrine. What should a Christian do in such a case?

The answer is plainly given in the Bible. Have no part or lot or agreement or concord or fellowship with such a man. Give not a penny to his salary for in so doing you would bid him God speed and be a partaker of his evil deeds. That is the first thing. The second is to openly expose his modernism and "earnestly contend for the faith." Christians ought not to be quiet and cowardly when it is plain duty to be like Paul, "set for the defense of the gospel" (Phil. 1:17). The third duty, I think, is obvious. If you cannot put out such a leader from the pastorate of the church where your fellowship is, then only one thing remains to be done and that is to leave it immediately. You cannot please God and remain yoked up with such unbelievers.

To listen to a modernist without protest is a sin. To pay his salary is wickedness. To associate with him is to put righteousness with unrighteousness, light with darkness, Christ with Belial, and the temple of God with idols. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Modernists often cry, "Peace, peace," but there is no peace.

It is important that we use terms correctly. A man is not a modernist because he differs with you on baptism, though he may be wrong. To be untaught or to be mistaught on the second coming of Christ is not modernism. It is true that modernists are post-millennial in their belief, but not all post-millennialists are modernists. It is wrong, unbrotherly, and misleading to call people modernists because you believe them to be wrong on some matter of Scriptural interpretation. But on some major matters there is no room for essential disagreement among real Christians. On the fact of the inspiration of the Bible, on the deity of Christ, on the blood atonement, on salvation by faith, real Christians agree. They may differ in the way they express those doctrines, and may differ on some corollaries of those doctrines, but real Christians must believe that the Bible is what it claims to be, the inspired Word of God, and that Christ is what He claims to be, the virgin-born Son of God, who died for our sins. Christians must believe that salvation is by the blood of Christ. One who does not so believe is a modernist, and Christians should not be yoked with modernists.

There can be no peace on religious grounds between believers and unbelievers, children of God and children of Satan.

#### Should A Christian Support Modernistic Denominational Programs?

Here is a most serious question which many Christians have to face. Suppose your church is in the main true to Christ. Your pastor believes the Bible and preaches it. He preaches salvation by the blood of Christ. He warns sinners that they must repent and be born again, or be lost forever. Your pastor is a man of God and the church members are, generally, real Christians; but your church is affiliated with a denomination which supports modernistic schools, perhaps, or which sends out modernists, unbelievers, as "missionaries." What is the duty of a Christian in such a sound, Bible-believing church, affiliated with the denomination whose leadership is modernistic?

Some would say that it is a sin for any Christian to remain in a church connected with one of the main denominations. I do not say so. I do not believe the matter is that simple. Certainly it is not right for a Christian to compromise. Certainly it is not right for a Christian to support modernism. Prayerfully, I make some suggestions.

1. No Christian should give a single penny of money to the sup-

port of modernism. If a denominational secretary denies the essentials of the Christian faith, then you should make sure that you do not participate in his support in any wise. If your denomination supports a school where professors break down the faith of students, where they teach that the Bible is not the infallible Word of God, and that Christ Jesus is not the virgin-born Son of God, God incarnate, then make sure that none of your gifts ever go to support such a school. If the foreign mission board or society of your denomination sends out some "missionaries" who are modernists, then make sure that none of your money supports such missionaries. Make sure that the money God has put in your hands does not go to strengthen any such modernistic mission board. Do not yoke up with such a modernistic mission board in the Lord's business. To do so is a sin. To yoke up with a modernistic foreign board violates the command, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

If your pastor believes the Bible, then likely provision is made in your church so that those who give to the support of the local church give to a separate fund which is not used for the denominational budget. Likely members of the church are invited to designate their gifts to sound missionary objects. If there is one general church budget, and if a definite percentage of that budget goes regularly to a modernistic denominational church program, so that by giving to the church budget one would be supporting modernism, then in my humble judgment, it would be wrong to give your money to such a church budget. Christian money should go to support work that is true to Jesus Christ and true to the gospel. Even at the risk of misunderstanding and persecution, a Christian should not support modernism with his money. Surely, on this, Christians can agree.

2. A Christian should not help in the support of modernistic literature and propaganda. In some churches where the Bible is believed and preached, Sunday School literature is tainted with modernism. Mark it carefully, that I speak not of shallowness nor worldliness, and not of mistakes in lesser doctrines, but of real modernism on the essential doctrines. If your Sunday School literature denies the inspiration of the Bible and its accuracy, denies salvation by the blood of Christ, denies the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His miracles or His bodily resurrection, then no Christian should co-operate in the spread of such literature and propaganda.

Once I planned to join a certain church which had a good pastor, true to the Word of God. But denominational promotional literature was regularly given out in the church. This literature minimized the importance of the Bible, insisted on co-operation with modernistic denominational leaders, the support of schools which deny the faith, and the support of a foreign missionary society which is principally controlled by modernists and their friends. I could not in good conscience put my family under the influence of such literature. I was not willing to be a member of a church which regularly spread such propaganda, written by enemies of Christ and the Bible.

What can an earnest Christian do in such a matter? If your pastor believes the Bible and your church is a Bible-believing church, and yet if hurtful and dangerous and wicked propaganda, denying the essential doctrines of the Christian faith, are circulated in your church, either in the Sunday School literature or denominational promotional literature, what should you do? First, be a real Christian. Your pastor is probably just as anxious as you are to do right. Prayerfully and with humility, talk to your pastor. Your judgment might be (Continued on Page 5.)



# Things That Cannot Be Broken

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map of the world is being changed almost daily. The old order is passing. But it is the conviction of my heart that the process has just begun. I find myself praying daily when I try to think of what is awaiting the world that prayer of John on Patmos, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

## Our Present Order Has Failed

Our whole system, economic, political, social and religious is in an equal upheaval. Our economic order has failed. We have produced starving millions in the midst of the greatest surplus that the world has ever known. We have plowed under food, destroyed cattle and that which would provide clothing for people while other places of the world went cold and hungry. Certainly something is out of joint in an economic system like that. We have seen a few heap up immense fortunes that a man could not use in any legitimate way if he lived ten thousand years, and at the same time we have witnessed lean, pale, hungry children and long bread lines and relief rolls.

Our political system has failed. It has produced rottenness, corruption and graft in city, state and national affairs that is a stench to high heaven.

Our brand of religion has failed. Call it what you may, the brand of religion that we have been trying to substitute for the real religion of the Lord Jesus Christ has failed utterly. One of the greatest proponents of modernism in the world, said some ten years ago that modernism had failed. "We had thought," said he, "who had been the proponents of modernism, that it was the solution of the world's problems." Modernism is centered upon the material things, shutting out the supernatural and majoring on a social gospel—a program of social betterment and social uplift. But, as Isaiah said, when people have fed on it they have come to realize that in the end, it is like feeding on ashes and there is nothing to satisfy the human soul or to meet the need of human life. When I read that statement of that great modernist, I wanted to say, "If modernism has failed why not come back to the old-time gospel of God's grace and of God's regenerating power—come back to the message of Christ who was crucified for man's sin, raised for our justification and now at the right hand of God to make intercession for us, and tell the world that in Jesus Christ there is the supply of every human need."

## Our Hope Is In Christ

The question that is on the minds of all of us as we think of the conditions about us is this: "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Yes, even though the forces of evil, of materialism, cynicism, paganism, agnosticism, atheism and modernism have turned all their guns on Christianity, and even though according to Dr. E. P. Aldridge, Southern Baptist Statistician, America is growing pagan at the rate of five million a year; even though the economic order has failed; even though the political order has failed; even though the modern conception of religion has failed, there is that which will meet human needs. You will find it in Jesus Christ.

Another thing that impresses me about my text is this: God has said, "I will shake." Those two statements, "God has promised," and "I will shake," convince me that in the things we are facing today, in the situation in which the world finds itself, God has a definite purpose, that God's hand is at the helm; that the ship is not going down. For God will not fail, God cannot fail. As God said to Jacob, "I will not leave you until I have done that which I have promised."

God is still on His throne.

God has said, "Yet once more." God is very definite in that statement. When God says "Yet once more," it signifies that there is a definite purpose and plan in it all. Many times we are unable to fathom the providences of God. Many times in our human weakness and in our finite minds we are unable to understand the movings of the hand of God. But, as we are floundering and groping our way in a day like this remember God is still on His throne. As Browning said, "God is in His Heaven and all's right with the world." Whatever we do, whatever comes, whatever may happen in our lives, whatever may happen in the world, let us not lose faith in God.

The story is told of some seamen who had suffered shipwreck in a storm. They were in a lifeboat—five of them out on the dark expanse of a stormy sea. Suddenly one man saw the north star shining out from a rift in the cloud, caught his direction and began to pull in the direction of the shore. After a while he said to one of his companions, "Keep your eye on that star, for if we lose sight of that star we are gone." I say today, Keep your eye on the star of Bethlehem—keep your eye on God. For if we lose touch with Him then we are gone.

## There Are Some Things That Cannot Be Shaken

1. First there is God. It is like the little girl's prayer after her father had been buried and she came back home and knelt by the bedside with her mother that night. The father had met a very tragic death and their hearts were broken—their lives were swept with grief. In her prayer the little girl said, "Dear God, take good care of yourself for if anything should happen to you we don't know what we would do." Thank God nothing can happen to Him. When everything else fails, there is God. When everything is shaken and the foundations have crumbled, we have God left.

Go with me this morning and look yonder at that mighty mountain range towering up toward the heavens—one great mass of solid granite. One would say, "There is something that cannot be shaken." But God's Word says that every mountain and every island shall be moved. So you have to look above and beyond the rugged strength of the mountain peaks to find something that cannot be shaken.

If you look you will see God where John saw Him above, beyond and before the mountains. He is from everlasting to everlasting.

That is the reason David said, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

That is why the Psalmist could sing, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. . . . The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Ps. 46:1-5, 7.)

Go with me and look up into the starry heavens and you will say, "Surely here is something that cannot be shaken." But Isaiah says, "The heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf

falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree."

Peter said, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

Paul said, "And thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

Yes, the heavens shall be shaken. But when everything is gone we still have God. And so we can say with Habakkuk, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places." When Habakkuk wrote those words God had revealed to him how everything in all the length and breadth of the land he called home was to be laid waste and desolate. The young men and women were to be carried away as slaves. The inhabitants were to be slaughtered and cities laid waste. Yes, and beautiful Jerusalem with its temple of worship would be so completely destroyed that a ploughshare would be run over the place it once stood. There would be no temple where they could gather to worship God. Yet this man of God stood in the face of it all and shouted with triumphant victory in his soul, "I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." When everything is gone we still have God.

## God Is the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever

Not only do we have God, but He is the same God that went into the fiery furnace with the three Hebrew children. He is the same God that went into the lions' den with Daniel and shut the lions' mouths so that the next morning when the wicked king came and looked into the den and said, "O Daniel, is thy God able to deliver thee from the mouth of the lions?" The answer that came back from the depths of that lions' den ought to encourage and strengthen every child of God. Listen to those words, "O king, live forever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me." Yes the same God that fed His children forty years in the wilderness wanderings; the same God that opened the Red Sea and delivered His children from bondage and at the same stroke swallowed up those who had taken them into servitude; the same God that opened the rock in the desert causing life-giving water to flow; the same God that fed Elijah from the raven's beak—that caused the birds of the air to fly across the country bearing food to the man of God, is our God today. The same God that stood yonder on the mount of Dothan with Elisha is our God. You recall how, when his servant looked down that morning and saw the mountain surrounded with horses and chariots, he cried out, "O Master we are done for," Elisha with unshakable faith in God calmly stepped out, lifted his eyes toward heaven and said, "O God open this young man's eyes that he may see." God opened his eyes and he saw the truth of what Elisha had said. For Elisha had said, "They that be with us are more than they that be with them." When God opened his eyes he saw

that round about the man of God, hovering over their tent, was the host of God. The mountain was surrounded by a mighty army, equipped with horses, chariots, swords and implements of warfare, but round about that lone man of God there were horses and chariots of fire. This same God is our God today.

2. Another thing that cannot be shaken is God's Word. "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations." Men have tried to destroy the Word of God. Literally millions of copies have been burned. Men have been tortured and put to death for possessing it and men have been burned at the stake for translating it, but it lives on. Skeptics have ridiculed it, Atheists have tried to disprove it, and God's people many times have dishonored it, but, thank God, it abides forever. In it there are thousands of promises. God has said, "I have promised." Every one of those promises in the Book of God belong to every blood-bought son and daughter of Almighty God. Every one is a promise directly to me and to you. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

This Book tells me of the hour in which we now find ourselves. God wrote it down over three thousand years ago, described it in detail for us, telling us what to expect, what we would experience, and what our eyes should see. Nineteen hundred years ago the Lord Jesus Christ took His disciples out on the mountain-side alone out yonder on Mount Olivet, and sat down with them. They said, "Lord, tell us when shall be these things and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the age?" The Lord gave them signs and chose such signs that nobody could be mistaken when he sees them begin to come to pass. He said, "When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." . . . "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." . . . "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." When you see these things begin to come to pass look up for presently you shall see the heavens opened; you shall see the lightning from the east to the west; you shall hear the trumpet of

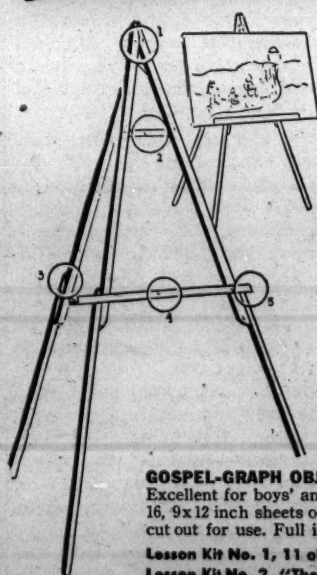
the ages sounding; you shall see what Enoch saw—the Lord in glory coming with "ten thousands of his saints." "Look up for your redemption draweth nigh." Yes, we have the word of God which cannot fail. And though many have tried to destroy it, yet to all who have been willing to believe it, to accept it and to follow it, it has been a "lamp to their feet and a light to their pathway." Everyone that has been willing to listen to its message and to believe in the Christ that has been revealed in it, has found forgiveness of sin; he has found the peace that passeth understanding; he has found the solution to every problem; he has found the answer to every question of human life. And in the end he has found a place to pillow his head in the hour of death and die with the consciousness of the presence of the Lord, and with the peace of God and the shout of triumph in his soul as he has gone out across the river that men call death.

3. Another thing that cannot be shaken is God's Mercy and Grace. God's grace and mercy will abide forever. The grace of God has never been exhausted, and the grace of God shall never be shaken. The mercy of God endureth forever. The Psalmist said, "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children." . . . Peter said, "God is long suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." The mercy of God longs for all to repent and come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and receive His saving grace.

4. Another thing that cannot be shaken is the love of God. Friends may forsake us; mother and father may even turn their backs on us, but God loves us still. David was right when he said, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

"Yet once more will I shake not only the earth but the heavens also." But the things that cannot be shaken will abide. When all is gone we have God, we have the Bible, we have God's plan of the ages to guide us like the morning star. We have "an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast." We have the grace of God that is sufficient for all of our needs. We have the mercy of God that is immeasurable. We have the love of God in Christ upon which Paul took his stand and shouted his challenge to the universe: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Again he loses himself in the ocean

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I'll sail the wide seas no more.  
The tempest may sweep o'er the wild, stormy deep,  
In Jesus I'm safe ever more."

## THE UNEQUAL YOKE

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wrong about what is modernism and what is not. Or your pastor very probably would gladly take his stand against any outright modernism. Take time, be prayerful, do not accuse others, and usually God's people, as they are informed and properly led, will get rid of the offending literature and stay true to Christ and the Bible.

There will be some sad cases when Christians must suffer for Christ. Sometimes Christians must leave the church where they have worshipped since childhood, the church where there are many lovely Christians and where the fellowship has been sweet. If that is clearly one's Christian duty, then do it for Christ in love and faith, knowing that He will reward.

But let each Christian make sure that he does not break fellowship over his own opinions and whims. Sometimes those who make the loudest cry about "modernism" are simply those who lost a place of leadership in the church and then accused others. Be sure that you act only for Jesus' sake. To accuse people of modernism is a most serious thing, and a Christian should not do so except on definite proof. To bring division or dissension in a church, to arouse contention, is a grievous sin, except where it is really necessary for one to "earnestly contend for the faith," as Jude clearly commands us.

If a Christian cannot stay in a church without supporting modernism, then he should leave the church and put his influence and labor and offerings where they will honor Christ and support work that is true to the Bible.

### Open Rebuke for Sin Is Necessary

In Galatians 2:11-14 Paul tells us how he found even the Apostle Peter dissembling, and that he "walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel." Paul withstood him to the face "because he was to be blamed." Paul says, "I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"

Paul was right about it. There is only one course for Christians and that is to earnestly contend for the faith and have no fellowship with the evil things that surround us.

Jehoshaphat, the good king of Judah, pleased God in many ways, but he sinned in having fellowship with the wicked king of Israel (the Northern kingdom). In II Chronicles 19:2 we find the words of God's displeasure carried to him by a faithful prophet, Jehu:

"And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldst thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord."

Should Christians help the ungodly? Should we who are bought with the precious blood of Christ love them that hate the Lord? Surely that matter ought not to be hard for us to decide. James 4:4 gives us plain words about compromising Christians who yoke up with unbelievers. Hear what God's Word says.

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Those who are married to this wicked world are spiritual adulterers. Even the friendship of this world is the enmity of God. To be

a friend of this world is to be the enemy of God!

### IV. CONCLUSION

As a closing thought let me remind you that the Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, is praised by Holy Writ as one "who is holy, harmless, undefiled, SEPARATE FROM SINNERS" (Heb. 7:26). Jesus is fitted to be a High Priest because He is separate from sinners. This world was no friend to the Lord Jesus Christ; why should it be a friend to me? Jesus said, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." (John 15:18). Surely the servant is no better than his master nor the disciple than his Lord. Why should I seek the friendship and keep fellowship with a wicked world that crucified the Lord Jesus Christ? Why should I be yoked with men who hate Him today and will not take Him into their hearts? Whether it be in business or society or lodge or church, or anywhere else, the man who is the enemy of Christ would be my enemy if I were enough like Jesus. "... all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Timothy 3:12). No wonder the Bible says, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!" (Luke 6:26). No wonder we are commanded to rejoice and be exceedingly glad when men revile us and hate us for Jesus' sake!

### I May Witness To Sinners But Not Be Yoked With Them

Jesus died to save sinners and yet the Scripture says that He was "separate from sinners." Jesus was called "the friend of publicans and sinners" and yet his denunciation of their sin was so great that the jeering crowd mocked Him while He died on the cross.

I may preach to sinners as Peter did at Pentecost, boldly denounce their sin, but if I would please God and keep my testimony, I must not sit down as he did with the soldiers who would crucify Jesus!

I may oppose the Philistines as Samson did, but I must not lie, as he did, with my head in the lap of Delilah if I would retain my God-given strength!

I may go like the man of God out of Judah unto Jeroboam with his false altar at Bethel and then cry against the idolatry of that idolatrous king and that unconsecrated place. If I am true to the Word of God then God will protect me from the wrath of Jeroboam and make my prophecy come true. But I dare not stop to eat or drink in that place lest I should meet a lion in the road to destroy me, as did that man of God in I-Kings chapter 43.

If you let this clear teaching of separation keep you from loving sinners, keep you from seeking them, weeping over them, yearning pleading, winning them, you will have utterly misunderstood this Bible teaching. Oh, we must love sinners as Jesus loves them, and must run after them for Him and compel them to come in and be saved. But we must not bind ourselves to their ways nor yoke up with them.

### No Distinction Between Saint and Sinner, Between Saved and Lost

Surely the reason for our troubles is this, that Christians have sold out to the world, have compromised with sin, have yoked up with unbelievers, so that God cannot bless us and sinners will not hear us. I find the average church mem-

ber lives the same kind of life as a self-confessed, Hell-bound sinner. The deacon and the bootlegger often have much in common. The one is mad for money as the other. They lie, they steal, they work on Sunday, they sell beer, they rent their property for immoral purposes, very much alike. Money is the god of both. What is the difference?

The church member and the worldling go to the same rotten picture show, see the same scenes of lust and gangland and murder. What is the difference?

Both saint and sinner tell the same dirty yarns. Both smoke the same brand of cigarettes, both smell the same. The Christian is yoked up with the world.

The bootlegger does not have family prayer, but neither does the average Christian! What is the difference? The harlot woman does not teach her children the Bible, but neither does the woman church member. The unsaved woman bobs her hair in defiance of the plain command of I Corinthians chapter 11, but so does the president of the Women's Missionary Union or Ladies' Aid of the church and the solo singers in the choir. What is the difference?

The devil's crowd dances and so do the church members.

The children of darkness go to the night clubs and there they drink their beer, but there they meet at the same tables with members of the church from the town where they live! And why should

of Aberdeen, South Dakota, heard the case and pronounced the sentence.

Here are his exact words: "The defendant was a soldier in the Army of the United States; a corporal in the United States Air Force; a lad of unusual size and strength, of more than average intelligence and ability, who had volunteered to serve his country and upon whom the Government had spent many hundreds of dollars. As such he was a valuable asset to the nation. Our Government has lost a soldier as completely as though a Jap or a German spy had dropped from the skies and stabbed him in the back or shot him from ambush."

The judge was right. A soldier in prison is out of the war just as much as a dead soldier.

The Jap or German does it with the high motive of self-defense or patriotism, but the booze-sellers are dominated by greed and the lust for money. They are unpatriotic peddlers of poison. They are robbers of reason. They deserve the everlasting contempt of all decent and patriotic people.

This is the kind of booze sabotage that has existed in our camps, around our camps and all over the nation throughout the war. Thousands of soldiers, sailors and marines have been thus sabotaged. Many of them have been killed in booze-dive brawls, drunken fights and highway wrecks. Many of them have been committed to prison for long periods of time. Many have been dishonorably discharged and sent home. The time, the effort and the money spent in calling, training and equipping them has been wasted. They have hindered and hampered and disgraced the war effort and the uniform of their country. They have shamed their families, dishonored the flag and sinned against God.

Their crimes were committed because they have been robbed of their reason by greedy, unpatriotic peddlers of poison. The boys were condemned and punished and disgraced. But the booze-sellers that ruined them have been petted, pampered, mollified and given priority by both Democratic and Republican National leaders.

they not? Wasn't the beer voted in largely by church members? God have mercy!

The saved marry the unsaved. They join with them in lodges, take the same blasphemous oaths, take part in the same unholy amusements. False prophets arise to lead away our young people from the Bible, and church members support them with their money.

### God's Invitation: "Come Out From Among Them"

Christian, have you missed the joy of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life? Have you lost the joy you had in early years? Are you hungry for more fellowship with God, more power? Would you like to win souls? Then God's answer is, do not be yoked up with unbelievers.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."—II Corinthians, 6:17, 18.

(This is the third article on the subject of the unequal yoke or what the Bible says about Christians being yoked up with unbelievers in marriage, in lodges and in churches and denominations. All three articles are now available in an attractive pamphlet, **THE UNEQUAL YOKE**, 24 large pages, price 10c a copy, 15 for \$1. Help distribute these! Order from **Sword of the Lord Publ.**, 145 N. Hale, Wheaton, Ill.)

## God And The War

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We have guarded, protected and defended our war plants, our planes, our guns, our ships and our ammunition against saboteurs but we have licensed booze dealers to sabotage our soldiers, sailors and marines who were to use those guns, planes and tanks.

What a silly thing to do.

### Present Administration To Blame

That boy left home a sober abstainer. The Government's booze policy helped to transform him into a drunken criminal. He volunteered to serve his country. He is now incarcerated behind prison walls. He left home under the blessings of a father's prayers and a mother's kiss; he now wears prison garb, and his family name is forever stained. No rainbow-colored ribbon will adorn his left breast. No Purple Heart will be bestowed upon him. He will receive no Oak Leaf Cluster. There will be no citations of honor, or other awards of bravery for him. His name will not be engraved on any scroll of fame. While other boys that he knew in childhood are being feted in worthy praise, he will be peeping through prison bars.

Booze is to blame—booze, legal booze, sold with the endorsement, approval and commendation of Mr. Roosevelt.

I have listened with great interest to most of the broadcasts by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Dewey.

They have said absolutely nothing whatever about the wreckage of our youth, juvenile delinquency that spews and spawns in the night clubs, road houses, honky tonks and cocktail lounges of this nation. They have ignored the moral debauchery of this country by the liquor traffic. They have talked about politics and taxes and war and world peace and they have ignored God and the Bible and the Church.

### God Dealt With Israel For Her Sins

Under the judges, when the people of Israel forgot God He sent wars, defeat and captivity upon them until they repented and when they repented He would raise up another judge to deliver them.

That happened over and over again to Israel.

Turn to the fourth chapter of the book of Amos.

God says, "I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." In other words He sent a famine upon them—a depression, soup kitchens, bread lines, unemployment, WPA, PWA, XYZ, etc.

Do you see it?

Look at the next verses, Amos 4:7, 8: "I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city... yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." In other words He sent spotted rains on them. You people in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa and across the corn belt this year know what I am talking about.

Now look at the next verse, Amos 4, verse 9, there it is, look at it: "I have smitten you with blasting and mildew; when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord."

Bread lines, unemployment, drouths, devouring insects, grasshoppers, corn smut, boll weevils in cotton, etc.

Now look at the tenth verse: "I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt"—Polio and flu and health scourges. And now listen, here it is, get your Bible. Read it for yourself. Amos 4:10, listen to it: "YOUR YOUNG MEN HAVE I SLAIN WITH THE SWORD." There it is in plain black and white. "Your young men have I slain with the sword." God said that. And there is that other statement again, listen to it: "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." That makes four times he has repeated that statement, "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord," in these five verses.

Now look at the next verse, verse 11, Amos chapter 4: "I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning"—and there it is again, "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord."

In other words they had lost battles and they had barely escaped defeat. They were as firebrands plucked out of the burning. Like what happened to us at Pearl Harbor and in the Java Sea and in the Aleutians. Like what happened to England in Singapore, at Dunkirk, down in Egypt and at Arnhem; upsets and defeats that almost but didn't quite spell disaster. Why did it happen that the English Channel was so calm and quiet and the clouds hung so low over it the day the English had to evacuate Dunkirk? Why was it that Hitler didn't invade England immediately following the Blitz? Why was it that Japan didn't finish the job at Pearl Harbor and invade? Why was it that Rommel drove all the way into Egypt and then stopped and ran out? Experiences like those are what Amos is here reminding the people of Israel about—firebrands plucked out of the burning.

And after each of these accounts; famine, drouth, devouring insects, pestilence, overthrows and war,

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# God And War

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God repeats, "Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord." In other words, that's what He was trying to get them to do. That's why these things were sent upon them, to bring them back to Him. They had drifted away from Him. He was calling them back.

## God In World War I

I shall never forget an event which occurred in World War I.

Germany was knocking at the very gates of Paris. It was the blackest hour in the war for the Allies. The King of England called the British Empire to prayer and fasting. President Woodrow Wilson issued a similar call to America. The nation fell upon its knees. I was a beardless youth. We lived in Red River county, Texas. Men in overalls, women in calico, barefoot boys, little girls in sunbonnets, all gathered at the little country schoolhouse. Hoes and plows were left in the fields. Virtually every family had one or more sons at the front. There was no joking or jesting. There were no frosted pies, no fried chicken, no creamy cakes. There was no preaching. There was deep heart-searching and repentance. There were tear-stained faces everywhere, and sobs mingled with fervent petitions to God. The people fasted and prayed. This condition prevailed throughout America and England. God heard our prayers. The tide turned the very next day, and we signed the peace on November 11. Did we make it a day of worship, prayer and praise to thank God for giving us victory?

Indeed, we did not. We roped off our city streets and staged wild dances. We drank and reveled and "made whoopee." God was not mentioned. We took the credit for the victory. We boasted of our triumph.

Then followed the peace conference of Versailles. The American Bible Society printed and arranged a special Bible with white morocco binding and a gold cross on the cover and presented it to President Woodrow Wilson for use at the particular peace conference.

That Bible was never opened. Prayer was not offered. The name of Christ was not mentioned. Delegates sat there with hate and revenge in their hearts and wrote the Treaty of Versailles.

We called God in and won the War. We left God out and lost the peace.

## Leading To Present World War

Following that War, Russia began to tear down the churches.

France, whose representative mocked Woodrow Wilson and his Bible, became the most drunken booze-debauched nation in the world.

England and America became pleasure-mad, money-mad, movie-mad, entertainment-mad, and travel-mad.

Cotton sold for forty cents a pound; corn and wheat, for two dollars a bushel. We bought cars. We took trips. We went to the mountains. We visited our kin-folks. We attended football and baseball games on Sunday, and we ignored God's holy claims. Many of our universities and colleges that were founded and endowed by Bible-believing, Christ-loving men and women started scoffing at the Bible, ridiculing the Cross and denouncing those who walked in the old paths.

Then the stock market crashed in 1929.

Hundreds of banks closed.

Business houses by the thousands shut their doors.

Discouraged men and women blew out their brains, cut their throats or leaped from high windows.

BUT WE DIDN'T TURN TO GOD!

We threw the Republicans out and put in the Democrats. We repealed the Eighteenth Amendment and set out to drink ourselves sober.

Dust storms rolled out of the west. Millions of unemployed walked the streets. Cotton sold at giveaway prices. Hogs, cattle and grains glutted the markets.

BUT WE DID NOT RETURN TO GOD!

We inaugurated the WPA, the PWA, the XYZ and other alphabetical combinations, and millions of Americans became afflicted with the "gimmies." We planted hedges in the West to hold the sand. We plowed up corn and cotton and limited the acreage. We killed the cows and the hogs.

BUT WE DID NOT TURN TO GOD!

"Mussey" went into Ethiopia, and we made faces at him. Adolph started his conquests and we rolled our eyes at him like dying calves. Japan invaded China and we cried, "Horrible, Horrible!—How many more loads of scrap iron do you want?"

We railed at the ruthless slaughter of the helpless Chinese but we kept shipping high octane gasoline to Japan with which to slaughter them.

Then came war. Our peacetime industries have become wartime machines. Our boys have been conscripted. Our homes have been disrupted. Mothers and fathers work in the factories. The boys and girls pack the picture shows and over-run the night-clubs, beer-bars, road-houses, and honky-tonks. Soldiers and civilians are pleasure-mad, money-mad, entertainment-mad, gambling-mad and drinking-mad; lust, vice and corruption abound. Sunday is desecrated. The Bible is ignored. The Church is forgotten. Worship is neglected. Communism, atheism, crime, lawlessness, lewdness, dissipation, debauchery, perverted justice and glorified corruption abound.

We spend an average of \$115 per person on crime every year.

We spend an average of \$51 per person on gambling every year.

We spend an average of \$46 per person on liquor every year.

We spend an average of \$37 per person on Christmas every year.

We spend an average of \$30 per person on medical care every year.

We spend an average of \$30 per person on sports every year.

We spend an average of \$28 per person on public education every year.

We spend an average of \$16 per person on cosmetics every year.

We spend an average of \$13 per person on movies every year.

We spend an average of \$13 per person on tobacco every year.

We spend an average of \$6 per person on the church every year.

That is our record—and it tells where our hearts are.

We are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. We are heady, high-minded, unthankful and unholy.

## Present Leadership And Booze Wickedness

A delegation headed by the President of the United States, and consisting of representatives from England and from China, met at the fashionable Mena House Hotel in Cairo, Egypt, a year ago, to discuss international agreements and map Pacific war strategy. It was an august occasion and involved the welfare of millions. Concerning the drinking on that occasion Time magazine declared:

"The bar on the hotel's main floor did a rush business from 9 a. m. to midnight. Scotch ran out the first night, but there was no repetition of that disaster; the Government hospitality fund had shipped 35 cases out from Britain, and also

provided 500,000 cigarets and 1,250 cigars."

Following the Cairo Conference, the Chinese delegation returned home and the American and British delegations proceeded to Teheran, where they held another international conference with a Russian delegation concerning European war strategy. They arrived late on a Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon was devoted to a gala event featuring wine, champagne, Martinis and other alcoholic beverages. The conference was climaxed by a birthday dinner for Winston Churchill. From newspaper accounts, that birthday dinner must have been a whiz. The number of toasts drunk at that dinner was estimated at from thirty-five to fifty. The Time magazine in its report wrote: "The party roared on in high good humor, until young Hopkins' eyes were boggling out at the flow of liquor and the animated scenes around him." No wonder, when he was dry. Can you feature that?

But listen to this. On Sunday night February 13, 1944, while millions of godly fathers and praying mothers across the nation were gathered in their churches for worship and prayer that God might guide our nation and give victory to our armed forces, there gathered in the large Statler Hotel in Washington, D.C., some 1,500 national leaders and distinguished guests at one of the wildest drinking parties ever held. "There was Scotch whiskey for 1,500 guests and every other drink a dream could muster." The booze that night at that one party is estimated to have cost from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

National leaders were attending a party of this type while the world was being bathed in blood and tears in the most terrible war of all time—while thousands of young men were on canned rations, in blinding smoke, scorching heat and bleeding and dying on Pacific islands and in the war theaters around the world.

That fiendish mockery of their noble sacrifices took place on a Sunday night.

What a devilish sacrilege! But here is the news story of all news stories concerning the Washington wild parties in wartime. This takes the cake.

The United Press sent from Washington a release that was published in the Lexington Leader of Lexington, Kentucky, on March 28, 1944. It was headed "Political Big Shots Get First Call When Liquor Is In Demand." The article declared:

"The thirst of the White House, State Department and members of Congress constitute 'hardship cases' that give them top priorities on the capital's scant liquor supply, liquor dealers acknowledged."

Consideration given to the special demands of "worthwhile people" was described by a Washington liquor dealer before a congressional investigating committee:

"Conceding that when the man on the street is parched for a Scotch and soda it may be that officialdom is to blame," he said his firm made a practice of rushing supplies to retailers when they phoned about "hardship cases." "A hardship case," he added, "might occur when a retailer is called upon to supply a number of cases of whiskey for a function given by the White House or the State Department to entertain visiting delegates. Other members of Congress require large amounts of whiskey for social events."

So, my friends, it is not hard to understand why the booze traffic has been given a free hand during the war. It is not hard to understand why there has been so much drinking among the armed forces, the working public, the youth of the land and the high school boys and girls. When the political "Big shots," the leaders in the Government, and the high-ranking officials in the Army and Navy indulge

in such drinking what else can you expect of the common masses?

America needs to repent. The Christian people whose boys are bleeding and dying in this war ought to pitch a whole drove of Washington Politicians out on their ears.

(This message by Dr. Morris is published in his latest book, *Booze and the War*. For \$1 you may

purchase this book and also a copy of his life-story book called *The Booze Buster*. Order from Dr. Sam Morris, Box 2478, San Antonio, Texas.

(Dr. Morris may be heard each week-day morning at 6:15 over WHAS, Louisville, Ky., 840 kc., central war time, a 50,000 watt clear channel station that blankets the nation).

## With the Evangelists

Reports from Americas Outstanding Soul Winners  
Evangelist ROBERT J. WELLS, Associate Editor

### Evangelist Robert J. Wells' Itinerary

Dec. 31st—Jan. 14th, The Central Baptist Church, East Chicago, Indiana.

Jan. 13th, Youth Rally with Rev. R. A. Barth, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Jan. 15th—19th, helping set up Rice-Shufelt City-Wide Campaign in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jan. 20th—Feb. 4th, Dubuque Bible Church, Dubuque, Iowa, Rev. Glen A. Lehman, Pastor.

Feb. 5th—Feb. 18th, The High-lawn Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia, Dr. W. C. Reeves, Pastor.

Feb. 19th—Mar. 4th, The Thomas-town Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio, Rev. Frederick Harrold, Pastor.

Mar. 5th—Mar. 18th, Colonial Hills Bible Conference, Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Jesse M. Hendley, Pastor.

Mar. 25th—Apr. 8th, Temple Baptist Church, Duluth, Minnesota, Rev. William Turnwall, Pastor.

### Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., in Spokane, Washington

We are glad for a word from Brother Edwin C. Deibler concerning a city-wide campaign sponsored by the Inland Empire Evangelical Association of Spokane, Washington with Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., as the evangelist. Brother Deibler writes:

"You will be pleased to know something of the nature of the real victories the Lord gave us in recent Bob Jones' meetings. We saw souls saved each night and the total number of conversions ran close to two hundred. Many Christians who had been living out of fellowship with the Lord were restored, and the cause of Christ was greatly strengthened in our city. We are under the impression that if the meeting could have been conducted for another week or two, the spiritual results would have been pyramided to a much greater climax."

### Dr. Joseph W. Hakes in Euclid Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York

The Euclid Baptist Church, McKinley and Drew Avenues, Brooklyn, on November 19th closed two weeks of special meetings, A Christian Crusade, under the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Hakes. The pastor, Rev. D. Martin Robinson, writes: "The meetings were a source of strength to the people and pastor of the church and the Lord definitely blessed us during these fifteen days. There was a renewed interest on the part of God's people which was evidenced by Bible reading, witnessing, and the response of sixty or more in a service of consecration held on the closing Sunday morning. The Lord saved seven souls, one of whom the church had made a special matter of prayer for several weeks prior to the meetings." A man 71 years of age, a father of three children whose home was broken because of drink, a young man about 16 who had run away from home and a boy

about nine were all saved in the last evening service.

### The Associate Editor in Cordele, Georgia

We have just returned from Cordele, Georgia, where we were in a meeting with the Third Street Baptist Church from December 3rd through 17th, where Rev. Paul R. VanGorder is the pastor. Though handicapped by the most severe weather in many years, we were told that the great crowds which attended the services on the Sunday evenings were the largest in the history of the church.

The extent of the blessings from the Lord can be measured best, perhaps, by the words of the pastor to me as I was about to board the train at the close of the meeting. He said: "Eternity alone will tell the story, and I believe honestly that from the standpoint of real, lasting results, this is the best meeting we have ever had." The Lord was gracious in giving us many backsliders, some very unusual cases, who were marvelously reclaimed and restored to fellowship. A goodly number of sinners were saved and there were some very interesting experiences. Four people, two men and two women, were delivered from the tobacco habit; one woman testifying that after having used snuff for over thirty-five years God had taken the desire for it out of her heart. Another woman came to the service, sad, discouraged and downhearted, not knowing the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour. That night she trusted Christ and went on her way rejoicing. The next evening she said: "How wonderful it is to be a Christian. I came to the service last night with a heavy heart and left with great joy. You know, I was so happy that I couldn't sleep all night for thinking of how wonderful it is to be saved."

One evening two dear young women came to me saying that they were not sure of their salvation and asking for help and telling me that their husbands who were overseas in the service of their country were unsaved. We had the joy of helping them come into a clear understanding of what salvation really means and they both promised to return to their homes and write letters to their husbands enclosing a Gospel tract and urging them to trust Christ as their Saviour. On the closing Sunday afternoon one of these women, together with thirty-four others stood to their feet, indicating that they were yielding their lives to the Lord for full-time service. In a letter just received from the pastor he said: "The people are saying 'they have never experienced such blessings as those received during your time with us.'"

### Dr. B. R. Lakin

Dr. B. R. Lakin, Pastor of the Cadle Tabernacle of Indianapolis, Indiana, writes briefly saying: "Mr. Rodeheaver and I were in Charleston, West Virginia, for eight days in October, with Brother Pat Withrow. More than two thousand people attended each night for the eight days, and more than a hundred people accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour."



"A week ago last Monday night, we were in Dayton, Ohio; that is, Mrs. Cadle and the rest of the staff here, in the Christian Tabernacle. Seventeen hundred people were in the building and between five hundred and a thousand were turned away, unable to get in."

Dr. John Linton in Decatur, Illinois

Dr. John Linton has recently concluded a meeting in The Riverside Baptist Church, Decatur, Illinois, Rev. J. M. Carlson, Pastor. Early in the meeting some fifty or

sixty church members came forward for consecration and full surrender to God. From that time souls were saved nightly. One night nine, another night seven, and never a night without several coming, for eight successive services.

Dr. Linton writes: "Although this is a moderate-sized church, yet, there are three prayer meetings nightly for men, women and young people. This lies back of the fruitfulness. When will churches learn to lean on God for revival instead of on the preaching of the evangelist?"

my Saviour this very day and I will rest in Him, receive Him and openly claim Him as my Saviour." (Signed) Pvt. Frank Malary.

Montgomery, Alabama

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Recently a man, M. A. Coffman, came forward trusting Christ after the service. He stated that that tract by you, *What Must I do to be Saved*, led him to take the stand. I used several of them last year during our evangelistic campaign. They are fine."

J. L. Pollard.

Central Lake, Michigan

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Just a few lines to express a sincere word of appreciation for your splendid messages I have read in your books and paper.

"During our missionary work in a pioneer settlement of northwest Canada, we used *The Sword of the Lord* to give out to new converts. Many, many times we could not get the new copies, but back numbers were given away, friends sent to us. Among several who received great help was a young couple who in turn subscribed to their old uncle near here. He has since been saved and is now eager to send your paper on to other unsaved friends. He has come into my home, from several miles, tonight to have me send these subscriptions on to your office."

Paul Gelatt.

Waynesboro, Va.

"... Last night a man entered the light through Mr. Rice's booklet, *What Must I do to be Saved?*"

Mrs. R. F. Glover.

Waterloo, Iowa

"We think it is the best paper in print and saw our neighbor's whole family won to the Lord by it, for which we praise the Lord."

Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Beasley.

A signed decision slip from page 23 of the booklet, *What Must I do to be saved* came to our office this month from Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

Another man in the armed forces writes:

"Perhaps you would like to know that the Lord has led us to hold services aboard ship, and *The Sword of the Lord* has been used as a text. Afterwards, the copies are passed around among the crew. The Lord has brought out from 20 to 40 men at each service. We do thank Him for this, for these things are beyond our ability to accomplish. How poor servants we are!"

H. S. Allum, RM 2/c

% Fleet P. O.

New York, New York.

Knoxville, Tennessee

"... I have written you but I just want to tell you again that my daughter was saved while I was reading one of your little books, *What Must I do to be Saved*. I can't ever thank you enough for it."

Mrs. Nellie Barnard.

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Recently Dr. Rice held a week of services at the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He gave an elevator boy at the hotel there some of his booklets. A letter was handed to Dr. Rice the last night of the services and on the outside of the envelope it read, "Please do not open this until you are on your way to your next city of preaching."

That night on the train Dr. Rice read this letter:

"My dear friend in Christ, Pastor Rice:

"When you read this little note we will probably be very far apart, and you have most likely forgotten all about me. But I want you to know that you, through your literature, and with guidance from our Almighty Maker above, have made me a new creature.

"It seemed to me this afternoon, as if my eyes were opened completely to the glories of God in Heaven. I thank God, pastor, for sending you to me, and opening my eyes

so that I can see what a wonderful Saviour I have in Jesus Christ. And I also pray that God would send more men like you and Dr. Kallenback all over the world, so that every creature may be saved;

and I pray that He will bless your work even more than He has in the past. God bless you, sir. I am sending a little bit to help spread the gospel."

Wallace Nielsen.

## Twenty-one Reported Conversions In November

From Chaplain in Germany, Native Boy in Nigeria, Africa, From Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Come Reports of Souls Saved Through Sword Literature.

By Viola Walden, Business Mgr.

We have been especially pleased and blessed by the letters which have come to the office, telling of conversions through the literature in November. All of the conversions but two were from the little booklet, *What Must I do to be Saved* which is being so greatly used of God all over the world. Just to show you an example of where the booklets go, we pass on to you this letter from a chaplain.

"I received 5,000 copies of your much used-of-God tract, *What Must I do to be Saved* just before coming overseas. With the Word of God, your own inestimable tract, together with a few other thoroughly Scriptural ones, it has been my privilege to blaze a gospel trail that has been owned of God in the salvation of many hundreds of precious souls through North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and to our present location here on the German border within earshot of the raging battles. I am telling you these things in order to let you know that your tract has been prayerfully handed out to men in the fox holes, gun pits, grave diggers in the cemeteries, marching columns of replacement troops on their way to the front lines, sick and wounded in the hospitals and to many hundreds who have attended my services as an old fashioned preacher of the gospel of grace serving with combat troops and as a hospital chaplain. ..."

(Signed)

Chaplain Harry F. McGee  
59th Evacuation Hospital  
APO 758, % Postmaster  
New York City, New York.

And this chaplain is just one of many, many others who are getting the gospel into the hands of men in the armed forces.

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Sailor in U. S. Navy

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(Signed) Dalbert L. Hoen.

November 10 word came from Dalbert's mother and one sister, telling us both had accepted Christ as Saviour. Then on November 27, another sister wrote us that she had accepted the Lord as her Saviour, making three. Please pray with us and Dalbert, that another sister and his father might turn to the same Saviour, and find peace and forgiveness, as the other three have so recently found.

Alluwe, Okla.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"After receiving the little books, *What Must I do to be Saved*, I sent one to a soldier. He was given an honorable discharge, so I talked with him this week. He was saved while in service and praised the little book. Said it explained the way so plain ..."

(Signed) Mrs. S. W. Herd

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## REVIVAL

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How she loved that little white puppy! One day he bit her on her wrist. His sharp teeth pierced her arm like needles. She ran to her Mother and had her wound dressed. She went on to school thinking little about it. In about ten days she became violently ill. The Mother called the family doctor, and after careful examination the doctor suggested they take her to Terrell's laboratory and have some blood tests made. They did, and when the report came from the tests, the good doctor asked if the daughter had a pet cat or dog in the home. When the Mother told the doctor that she did have a dog, he asked if she would bring it to him. She did, and an analysis was made and the dog proved to have rabies, but it was too late to save the girl. I saw her die in the hospital. I shall never forget the gruesome sight of that girl dying. They had her strapped to her bed and froth was flowing from her mouth as she writhed in death agony. That beautiful little puppy that she played with, that she loved and pressed to her bosom was the cause of it. Though she loved it and though it was beautiful, in it was death.

Oh, my friend, "the wages of sin is death." "He that sinneth shall surely die." The sinner loves sin, plays with sin and when he repents he sees sin in its true light.

—Dr. C. E. Matthews.

The greatest love story we have ever witnessed happened near our church. Years ago there was a large family of ten that moved into our section of the city. They were destitute. Our ladies found them and immediately our church set out to help them. We found them a little two-room cottage near a railroad. The rent was cheap. The church members gave them clothes, second hand furniture, bedding and food. The husband obtained work with the city. The wife and mother was a semi-invalid. They all came to church. There was not a Christian in the family. Every one of them who was old enough to know what it meant, made a profession of Christ and was baptized. A little eleven-year-old girl, named Ophelia, was one of the converts. She was the oldest girl in the family. Because of the sick mother this little, slender, undernourished girl was housekeeper and cook and did the washing for a father, mother and seven brothers and sisters. We have never been able to understand how she did it.

One day a Mrs. Frank Roark, wife of one of our deacons phoned me and said: "Brother Matthews, a terrible accident has happened at Mr. Paul's home. Can you go over there?" I immediately went. Getting out of my car, I walked up to that little two-roomed shack and knocked on the door. Mr. Paul opened the door and invited me in. The room where I entered was a kitchen, dining room and a bedroom all in one. There wasn't a good piece of furniture in it. There was an old, made-over table, a broken rocking chair, and pine boxes were used to sit on. There was an old rusty cook stove in which they burned coal

for fuel. Its four legs rested on blocks of wood. There was an old, green iron bed in the corner. On it lay little Ophelia Paul. She was lying on her face and her body was covered from her head to her hips with gauze. A little baby, the youngest of the children, was crawling on the floor, I could tell that the little girl was in great distress. I asked, "Brother Paul, what has happened?"

He answered, "Yesterday Ophelia was sweeping the floor. She was getting ready to wash some clothes. She had a large boiler of hot, scalding water on the stove. The baby here was crawling near the stove, and undoubtedly he must have pulled one of the wooden blocks from underneath the stove, because the stove suddenly tipped to one side and the boiler of water was turned over. Ophelia was standing nearby. The boiler of water was falling right on top of the baby and would have scalded him to death. Ophelia didn't have time to pick him up. She just fell over him and the boiler of scalding water fell on her and burned her flesh to the bone." I looked over to the bed and there she lay without a groan or a murmur. Tears were dripping from her face on the bed. There was a little baby well, and without a blemish. I said:

"Brother Paul, that is the greatest love story I have ever heard except one."

He asked: "Which one is that?" I answered, "The one in the Bible where Jesus willingly went to the Cross on Calvary and was crucified for our sins to save us from death and Hell."

There was that little eleven-year-old sister with the instinct of a Mother's love. She saw that her baby brother was going to be scalded to death. She didn't have time to pick him up. There was only one way to save him and that was to take the load on her own back. It took no time to think it over. Love was supreme. She just fell over him and saved him and let the scalding water burn her to the bone.

—Dr. C. E. Matthews

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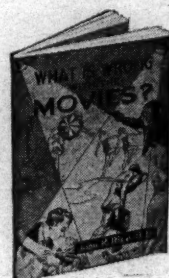
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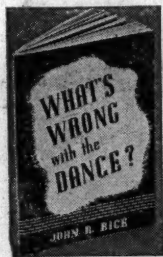
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